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TO : Chief, ER

DATE: _____

FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach

INFO: COM, Bonn, MOB

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/OAPT/REDSOX/Hans SCHRENK

SPECIFIC - Information Received from ZECH-NENNWICH

REF: BFLA-11638

1. Transmitted herewith is ZIPPER Memo #10626 (not to Bonn and MOB). ZIPPER transmits with this memo some information given by the well-known intelligence peddler ZECH-NENNWICH to the NWDR. They request careful handling of this information in order not to compromise their connection with NWDR. ZIPPER points out also that the information contained herein is not the most reliable. As an example, they indicate that ZECH-NENNWICH in reference to the case of Maria KNUTH, is inaccurate in that he gives ZIPPER credit for a large portion of the uncovering of this case. Additionally, ZECH-NENNWICH lists one Detlev von PLATEN as a ZIPPER agent, which ZIPPER also denies. ZIPPER continues that the only individual known to them in this information is one Wilhelm KALSHOFF, who is alleged to be an employee of BfV.

2. In his information, ZECH-NENNWICH indicates that this case is known officially among German circles as the "Red Jackass." He continues that this is also the official name among American intelligence circles. The American Army, according to ZECH-NENNWICH, is supposed to have learned of the existence of the SCHRENK espionage ring through information submitted by the Polish Army Colonel JERABEK, who is supposed to have deserted to the West some three weeks ago. JERABEK is supposed to have been the guiding hand in the Maria KNUTH affair, and is additionally alleged to belong to the co-workers of Soviet Lieutenant General FIDIN, whose position is that of coordinator of the East Bloc countries. ZECH-NENNWICH describes FIDIN as approximately 48 years old, and as having served during World War II in the General Staff of the Russian Army. His position was to prepare the reports of partisans and agents behind the German lines for use in Russian intelligence. ZECH-NENNWICH states further that the espionage affairs were quieted down after Maria KNUTH was taken. He continues, however, that since Maria KNUTH refused to work for the American or the West German security forces, further investigation was necessary. This further investigation led eventually to the present Hans SCHRENK affair.

Encl: 1 - ZIPPER Memo #10626

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3. In retro ²²⁴³⁷ ~~REPORT~~ ~~REPORT~~ reports that Dr. JOHN, the former leader of the Verfassungsschutz, was first informed of the Maria KNUCH situation through a Dr. Oskar Jander von ~~REPORT~~, who was alleged to be a worker of ~~REPORT~~. ~~REPORT~~ continues that the ~~REPORT~~ organization reported the original circumstances which contributed to the seizure of Maria KNUCH. ~~REPORT~~ is also credited for having had KNUCH under surveillance for several months prior to her seizure. ~~REPORT~~ reports that a Wilhelm ~~REPORT~~ was a contact of Maria KNUCH through an individual who used the name of Sigrid ~~REPORT~~. ~~REPORT~~ was also supposed to have used the name of ~~REPORT~~. She is described as speaking fluent Italian. The report continues that ~~REPORT~~ is supposed to be a journalist and is connected with the periodical "FORUM" as a political editor. ~~REPORT~~ is supposed to live in Bad Godesberg, Denglerstr. 42, and is further said to present himself as a son of the Senate president and former Major of the Air General Staff.

Approved by:

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